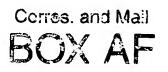


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 6, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.